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Review of 201 File on U.S. Citizen

In accordance with the DDO's notice of 9 December 1974, I have reviewed the 201 file on CHERNE (surname) (201 number indicated below), and have determined that it can most accurately be categorized as indicated below:

- ☐ Should be closed. (If this category applies, affix Records Officer stamp.)
- ☐ Unwitting collaborator. OI Code A7.  
Explanation: \_\_\_\_\_
- ☒ Witting collaborator. OI Code A1.
- ☐ Potential witting collaborator; date opened: \_\_\_\_\_  
OI Code A2.
- ☐ Former witting collaborator (relationship terminated).  
OI Code A3.
- ☐ Potential witting collaborator never contacted. OI Code A4.
- ☐ Counterintelligence case (i.e., involving a foreign intelligence or security service). OI Code A5.
- ☐ All others. OI Code A6.

Signed JHM H. GIRARDI (name) \_\_\_\_\_ (title) 1P/ANP (component)

This assignment of category has been entered into STAR.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ (initials) KPM (date) 4 FEB 1975

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2 APR 1958

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Mr. Lee Chao  
Executive Director  
The Research Institute of America, Inc.  
559 Fifth Avenue  
New York 17, New York

Dear Lee:

I appreciate very much your consideration in sending me a copy of the American Commission report on the Communist subversion campaign. The subject is a most important one, worthy of the most careful study, and I am sure that the efforts of the International Rescue Committee will add up to vital contribution toward a solution of some of the problems surrounding it.

As you are aware, a number of agencies, both private and governmental, are actively working toward an improvement in the circumstances in which many escapees find themselves. As remedial action is expeditiously taken, the difficulties the Commission expects will be removed.

Sometimes when you are down here or I am in New York perhaps we can discuss further any matters you feel are pertinent but which may not have been covered in the report herein.

Sincerely,

WHD  
Allen W. Dulles  
Director

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FP/EA/Williamson/bad

Re: C/DCI/Williamson (11 Apr 56) - minor changes

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Mr. Leo Cherne  
Executive Director  
The Research Institute of America, Inc.  
589 Fifth Avenue  
New York 17, New York

Dear Leo:

I appreciate very much your consideration in sending me a copy of the Donovan Commission report on the Communist defection campaign. The subject is a most important one, worthy of the most careful study, and I am sure that the efforts of the International Rescue Committee will add up to vital contribution toward a solution of some of the problems surrounding it.

As you are aware, a number of agencies, both private and governmental, are actively working toward an improvement in the circumstances in which many escapees find themselves. As remedial action is aggressively taken, the difficulties the Communists exploit will be removed.

I have read the report personally, and, at your convenience, will welcome further discussion of any matters you feel are pertinent but were not covered in the report itself.

Sincerely,

Allen W. Dulles  
Director

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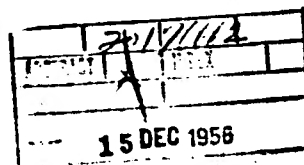
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Executive Order  
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant to the Director  
Mr. Frank M. Chapin

VIA: Deputy Director (Plans)

SUBJECT: Correspondence of Mr. Lee Cherno  
with the President and with the DCI.

1. The attached proposed reply to Mr. Cherno is forwarded for the Director's signature.
2. This proposed reply was coordinated with Mr. Frank Hand (DDP/PPC) who was present during the Director's meeting with Lee Cherno to which Mr. Cherno refers in his 6 June letter.
3. We believe that Mr. Cherno's letter is merely a follow-up on his conversation with the Director. The Research Institute paper, although of interest, has bearing on neither the topics discussed during that meeting nor those covered in the letter.

NO ENCLOSURES FOR RI

BIA. T. Cox for  
JOHN E. BAKER  
Chief  
Psychological and Paramilitary  
Operations Staff

CONCUR:

\* for DD/P 5/26/56  
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Attachment: As stated

20 June 1956

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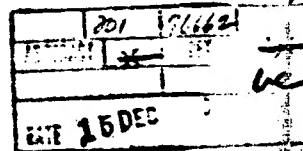
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JUL 11 1956

Mr. Leo Cherns  
Executive Director  
The Research Institute of America, Inc.  
589 Fifth Avenue  
New York 17, New York

Dear Leo:

*Subj:* I was glad to have the opportunity to  
hear about the continuing activities of the  
\*International Rescue Committee.

We are interested in and appreciate your  
keeping us informed on the various activities  
of the IRC.

Sincerely,

Allen W. Dulles  
Director

PP/ICD/Prop: AWebster:vpp (20 Jun 56)  
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EX 8-3941

Mr. Leo Charnes  
Executive Director  
The Research Institute of America, Inc.  
507 Fifth Avenue  
New York 17, N. Y.

Dear Leo:

I was glad to have the opportunity to hear about the continuing activities of the International Rescue Committee.

We are interested in and appreciate your keeping us informed on the various activities and problems of the IRC. However, any Government financial support for such private groups as the IRC is of course within the purview of the Department of State's U. S. Escapee Program and in the special activities of ICA and IRIA with which you are familiar.

Sincerely,

Allen W. Dulles  
Director

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Mr. Leo Cherne  
Executive Director,  
The Research Institute of America, Inc.  
589 Fifth Avenue  
New York 17, N. Y.

Dear Leo:

I was glad to have the opportunity to hear about the continuing very worthwhile activities of the International Rescue Committee.

I note that in your letter to the White House you have followed through on pressing for further Congressional attention to the President's proposals for changes in the basic immigration laws. In our restricted area of influence we are also seeking to encourage the adaptation of immigration legislation to reflect the President's proposals.

As we discussed in our meeting, the matter of fund raising is properly one which should be pursued with private foundations and sources. While recognizing the many additional projects which your group might initiate, perhaps, as you suggest, the present endeavors of the new members of your Board could best be devoted to solicitation of private financial support for the projects already underway. For the Government's part, financial support of private groups such as the I.R.C. is contained in the Department of State's U.S. Escapee Program and the special activities of ICA and WIA with which you are familiar.

In relation to the plight of the Yugoslav refugees, U.S. Government participation is, as you know, placed in the Department of State, principally in the U.S. Escapee Program, and I believe that these would be the best people to give you the guidance you need. You can rest assured that the U.S. Government is taking interest as appropriate in the Yugoslav refugees and their welfare.

Sincerely,

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20 June 1956

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Director

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## BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

NAME: OFFICE, Lee  
 BIRTH: 8 Sept 1912  
 ADDRESS: 113 Central Park West, NYC  
 EMPLOYMENT: Exec. Sec'y, Research Inst. of America, 292 Madison, NYC  
 1942—Analyst and commentator for Mutual Broadcasting System  
 DATA DATES: Aug 1951

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 (1 April 49)

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CHENE, Leo

25 May 1954

R.I. Document 100-122-6 reflects a copy of a telegram to Secretary of State Dean ACHESON from the Executive Secretary, Americans for Intellectual Freedom dated 20 March 1949 requesting that an emergency visa be granted and trip to the U.S. expedited for Pavel LYSENKO, outstanding Russian scientist who has fled from the Soviet Government. The AIF desires that LYSENKO address their freedom rally as their guest on 26 March 1949. Among the signers of the telegram is one Leo CHENE.

A memorandum in the same R.I. Document dated 1 April 1949 discloses that GFC began coordinating with the State Department in an attempt to effect LYSENKO's admittance to this country.

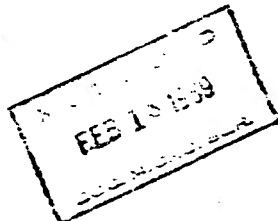
R.I. Document 43-120-5 is a memorandum to record dated 25 January 1952 reflecting that GFC and CC Contacts effected the use of Subject's services, through his position with the Research Institute of America, to backstop the cover story of a proposed agent in training.

No additional pertinent data.

Special Agent  
Special Referral Branch

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12 May 1955

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Far East Division

SUBJECT: O Memorandum from Leo Charns  
on the Vietnam Situation

1. You may be interested in the attached memorandum by Leo Charns as it would seem to me it accords with your views.

2. I would also like to say that my case officer on Operation Brotherhood project reports that he is being given the most friendly kind of cooperation by your people working on that project, which is appreciated.

CORD MEYER, JR.

CORD MEYER, Jr.

Chief

International Organizations Division

Attachment: (1)

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**FBI REPORT**  
**DATE: 26 APRIL 1956**  
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**SUBJECT: JULIA LOPEZ CHERNE,**  
**AKA: MRS LEO CHERNE**  
**FBI FILE #: 105-16531 (NEW YORK)**

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